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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 7, 2005 finally rejecting the claims, please enter the following amendment, which is proper for entry after final rejection because it places the application in condition for allowance and/or in better condition for appeal:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.